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COUNTRY: Egypt/Germany  
SUBJECT: The German Advisory Group in Egypt  
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PLACE ACQUIRED: Egypt, Cairo  
SOURCE: A tested source who is an ex-German Abwehr I  
officer in Cairo (B). Appraisal of Content: 3.

Dr. Joachim Daemeling

Dr. Joachim Daemeling, the successor to Colonel Ernst Zolling (see JX-5911), was recruited by Dr. Wilhelm Voss, head of the German advisory group in Egypt, in November or December of 1953. Daemeling broke his leg before leaving Germany, but he has meanwhile recovered.

He was assigned to the Ministry of the Interior. Colonel Zakaria Mohied-Din, formerly Director of Intelligence, is the present Minister of Interior. Lieutenant-Colonel Nuri (c. Mohri) is believed to have succeeded Zakaria as Director of Intelligence.

In 1944/45 Daemeling was an official in a Berlin security office, possibly Section IV of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (RSHA; German Security Service) and possibly holder of an SS rank of Obersturmbannfuehrer or Standartenfuehrer. One of Daemeling's friends in the RSHA was Dr. Huppenkotter, a former Regierungsdirektor (administrative head) and holder of the SS rank of Standartenfuehrer. It is unlikely that Daemeling will be able to complete his assignment alone, and it is believed

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that he will have the official or unofficial assistance of Huppenkoten or one of Huppenkoten's former staff members with whom he has kept in contact. Huppenkoten was anti-Soviet at least as late as 1947.

3. Zakaria has praised Daumling's work several times. If Daumling is successful in his work, Zakaria may receive so much credit as to cause a shift of balance of power within the ruling clique.

Dr. Wilhelm Voss

4. Dr. Wilhelm Voss, head of the German advisory group in Egypt, has been trying to find a job for Major Nuelle when the latter's contract expires. Nuelle is a member of the Voss faction within the German group (see JX-4380). Voss advised Nuelle to develop plans for establishing a Nasr Youth, after the example of the Hitler Youth. Voss may have wanted in this way to bring such an idea to the attention of Interior Minister Zakaria or may have suggested the plan to Nuelle as a result of discussions with Zakaria.

Joachim G. A. Hertslet

5. Before May 1954 Joachim G. A. Hertslet had not utilized the occasion of the Ministry of the Interior to grant him a visa (see JX-5023). However, in May 1954, he applied for and received the visa. His wife stated that he planned to leave for Egypt in May.

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